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Day five of Volleyball continues at Barnes Field House.

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Fans at this historic Army installation continue to be treated to exciting, world-class volleyball competition day after day.

Cyprus made short work of the U.S. team, wearing them down in three straight sets.

The Dutch women's team never got out of single digits against the incredibly strong Chinese team that features a three-time Olympian and several national team players.

Once again in this tournament, North American friends and allies faced off against one another. The Canadian women took the first set, but then the U.S. women answered back with three wins.

The Netherlands came on strong against the Koreans, but in the end Korea proved why they are one of the favorites for a gold medal.

India's volleyball team may be making its debut at this tournament and they play some of the most exciting matches. India came close to proving that the Great Wall of China here is not impenetrable.



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Korea defeats the Netherlands' as CISM Volleyball moves through day five of the grueling competition.

They came turned up the heat in the second set and nearly handed the Chinese their first defeat. In the end, China kicked it into high gear and demonstrated why they are the other gold medal favorite.

Here are the results:

Women

China def. Netherlands 25-7, 25-4, 25-4

United States def. Canada 22-25, 25-17, 25-19, 25-10

Men

Cyprus def. United States 27-25, 25-16, 25-14.

Korea vs. Netherlands 25-21, 25-11, 25-18.

China def. India 25-21, 30-28, 25-21.

Friday's schedule features United States vs. Canada at 9 a.m., Netherlands vs. Qatar at 11:30 a.m., China vs. Germany at 2 p.m., China vs. Canada (Women) at 4:30 p.m.

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*Airborne Brothers
from the North.*

Story and photo by Tanja Linton



Come out to watch the Canadian men's volleyball team at the 27th World Military Volleyball Championships at Fort Huachuca, Ariz., and you'll soon notice that two soldiers have more in common than playing together on the team.

Master Cpl. Mark Noel, 28 and Cpl. Dennis Noel, 28, are twins. Dennis is older by 10 minutes. They were born in Kingston, Ontario and are assigned to an airborne company in Valcartier, Quebec.

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Mark and Dennis are the second set of twins to play for the Canadian military volleyball team. Their coach likes to joke that they came in the Army under a special recruiting deal – two for one.

Mark joined the Army first and liked the experience enough to convince his older brother to join a year later. Their father had been in the Canadian Air Force and they had some familiarity with military life.

Mark and Dennis deployed together to Bosnia and Afghanistan in 2004. This was tough for their parents, but both say it was good to have a true brother in arms by their side.

The twins played volleyball in high school and continued to play intramural sports in the Army. Playing in the *Conseil International du Sport Militaire* volleyball championships here at

Fort Huachuca is their second international military sports experience. They first played at the world games in Italy.

"Finding time to play is hard," says Mark when asked about how he balances military and athletic responsibilities. "The mission is first. You have to train on your own a lot." Frequently though, they seek each other out to train together. These two Canadian soldiers have a lifetime of experience keeping an eye out for one another.

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and United States vs. Netherlands (Women) at 7 p.m.

Men's and women's finals take place Saturday. The public is encouraged to come out and watch the top-notch international play. Admission to all matches is free.

Fort Huachuca, an Armed Force sports center of excellence, is



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The Chinese women's team defeat the Netherlands in Volleyball action at Barnes Field House.

international competition here in the past 18 months. The CISM Volleyball Championships are the only CISM event held in the United

States this year.

The All Army Boxing Championships are to take place at Fort Huachuca in January.

June 16 Competition Schedule

0900



USA



Canada

1130



NETHERLANDS



Qatar

1400



China



Germany

1630



China (w)



Canada (w)

1800



USA (w)



NETHERLANDS (w)